



## NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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### MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2021

Virtual

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. with 19 members present.

First thing President Marshfield would like to do is thank Clay Converse for all of his hard work and getting this virtual meeting together for us, especially in such short notice. The meeting was changed to virtual due to the COVID issues with the Marshfield family.

September 12, 2021 meeting minutes were read and approved.

Year to date January through November 1, 2021 Treasurers report was read by Carol and was approved.

#### **Meeting Schedule for 2022**

A resolution was made to set our 2022 meeting schedule as follows:

April 24: Spaghetti Warehouse, Syracuse, NY with a bake sale.

May 22: Klynne Esopus Museum in Ulster County

July 10: Smithville, NY Firehall – Jefferson County

August 6-7: Safari in Perry County, PA

September 11: Virtual Meeting

November 13: Annual meeting and Harvest dinner with bake sale, Hamden, NY

The executive committee is allowed to change the meetings to virtual if we are still dealing with Covid-19. The membership will be notified at least 2 weeks in advance by the newsletter and the website.

Motion was approved.

#### **Nominating Committee Recommendations**

Election of officers as follows:

Wayne Marshfield – President

Gretchen Broke – First Vice President

Clay Converse – Second Vice President

Carol Fortin – Treasurer

Karen Marshfield – Recording Secretary

Marcia Bailey – Corresponding Secretary

**Trustee:**

Marcia Bailey (2022 – 2026)

Motion was made and approved

Other trustee terms:

Victor Iwanow – 2020-2022

Camille Bach – 2019-2023

Karen Marshfield – 2021-2024

Linda Schott – 2021-2025

Appointed Positions:

Historian: Trish Kane and Gary Beckstead

Newsletter/Courier Editor: Karen Marshfield

Store Keeper: Linda Schott

Motion to approve the appointed positions was made and approved.

**2021 Meetings attendances:**

April – 0 – cancelled due to COVID

May – Virtual – 17

July – Boonville – 14

August – one day safari – 12

September – Rexford – 9

November – Virtual - 19

**Business:**

**Americana Covered Bridge:** No update or new information. Members were encouraged to relay any information they may come upon about its current condition especially with the roof. Only \$150 has been donated to the bridge for future financial help.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas please share. There will be a bake sale in April and November if in person meetings are held.

President Marshfield has been in contact with the NYS Path through History program. Four of the five bridges have been signed, those being Jay, Eagleville, Newfield, and Shushan. Copeland has yet to be done.

PayPal has been working out fairly well for memberships, but not so much for donations.

Newsletter deadline for articles remains at March, July and December.

Special thanks go out to Wayne, Vic, Linda S., Gretchen and Bob for helping to sort covered bridge material at our storage unit. We will eventually be able to downsize our locker. Several boxes of sorted material were offered to the National Preservation Society, but we have to get together for an in-person exchange.

New member Nick Kocur sent information and photos of Waldbillig Covered Bridge. The bridge has been damaged by an oversized Fed Ex truck and owner is in the process of repairing. The bridge also has a new metal roof and Wayne will see that a picture of the bridge as it exists today gets on our website.

Munson Covered Bridge in Vestal Center also has a new roof replacing the old wood shingled roof and Karen and Wayne visited the bridge and met the owner. The owner's wife is the daughter of Rachel and Bob Munson. The small creek running under the bridge is creating erosion issues and the owner is going to try to rip rap in the future. Photos of this bridge with a new metal roof will be placed on the website as well.

Photos of the safety portals at Beaverkill Covered Bridge were shown severely damaged on both ends of the portals. This was also witnessed at our summer safari.

It was reported that a new covered bridge is being built in Cowelsville, NY in Wyoming County. It is under construction and pictures were shown as well. It is questionable whether the bridge will be authentic, but time will tell. At one time Wyoming County had six covered bridges the last one burned down in 1966. Members will keep an eye on the progress of the construction. Gretchen reported that she has an article from the NYSCBS Courier in 1966 that reported on the fire mentioned above. She will send it to Karen for our upcoming Courier.

With a motion and second the membership approved moving the Edinburgh Historical Society from an annual to an honorary member. This historical society is mainly responsible for the Copeland Covered Bridge and is worthy of being an honorary member. Carol will notify them of the change.

Ron Knapp brought up a great suggestion of someone in the Society sending an invite to interested tourists signing guest books at various covered bridge sites and encourage them to become members. Anyone interested in doing this please contact Ron.

Other covered bridge news during 2021:

Feb. 21' – Schoolhouse or River Road CB – Vermont – burned from snowmobile fire

March 21' – Mt. Zion CB – Kentucky – fire, total loss

June 21' – Pont de la Calamite CB – Quebec – fire, total loss

July 21' – Watson Settlement CB – Maine – fire, total loss

September 21' – Rudolph and Arthur CB – Chester PA – destroyed by flooding

October 21' – Wagoner's Mill CB – Perry County PA – fire, total loss

News of members:

Hazel Watson has moved: her address is 488 Townsend St. Fitchburg, MA 01420-2067 phone 978-514-0751. Hazel would like calls and cards from her covered bridge friends.

Bill Baldwin is in ICU and he and Anita would appreciate cards. 331 South Webber Drive, Chittenango, NY 13037-1425.

Alberta (Al) McGay is very sick and would appreciate cards. 105 Rebecca Street, Syracuse, NY 13212

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm..

Submitted by Karen Marshfield  
NYSCBS Recording Secretary